

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to apply for the Kirkbymoorside Town Council Grant for 2020/2021. We are about to undertake a large fundraising project to regenerate and add to the existing play equipment at the school.

There is currently a well-used and fairly old (approx. 10 year) selection of play equipment there but we feel with some adaptation and additional items it can be brought back to life without replacing the whole lot.

Currently the conditions of the ground underneath the equipment means that it can only be used when the weather is fair and the ground is completely dry. After getting advice we feel that putting down some new all weather surface to connect each item and re-doing the existing that has worn away we should be able to grant the children access to the equipment when the weather allows them to play outside but the ground is not completely dry – which in this country is most of the time!

The extra equipment will also broaden the scope of the children will use it as there isn't a great deal there that would challenge some of the older children.

For the reasons stated above we feel that this is an investment that will benefit the entire school (not the very young ones to start with but they will get their turn!) and also will be in place for many years and many new children to come.

The Friends of Kirkbymoorside Primary is a voluntary run charity made up of parents and teachers in order to raise funds to enhance the learning experiences of our children during their time at Kirkbymoorside Primary School. We expect this to be a large ongoing fundraising campaign but if we were to be successful for the grant you have available this would go a long way to raising the funds quicker and therefore being able to get work started and completed as soon as possible.

I have attached our bank records as requested which do show that we have quite a bit of money in the account at the moment. Through the school year we pay for buses for swimming lessons and also teachers apply to use our funds for better equipment for the children including Ipads, computers, learning resources etc. As the year 6 students will be leaving school this year the Friends pay for their leavers hoodies and also the leavers books which this year will be even more important as they will have missed so much school at a great turning point in their lives. Also, some of the money in our account is being held on behalf of a teacher who runs the school junior band.

Generally, the Friends fundraising is continuous through the school year but in our current climate we have missed several of those opportunities and it looks likely that we will not be able to hold our annual summer fair which is our second biggest fundraiser of the year. The main source of our income through fundraising is the Kirkbymoorside 10k which has now been cancelled and again this is another serious blow.

During the current lockdown situation we find ourselves in I do not expect that you will be able to give a response quickly and we won't be able to action any time soon however it is important to me personally and the rest of the committee that we start working towards it.

I have attached the quotes we have been given from a local play equipment company and these have been reviewed by the head of school and teachers and agreed to be reasonable.

If you would like to discuss this further please feel free to contact me (Angela) on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours Sincerely,

Angela Collier and Deb Callan – Co-chairs of Friends of Kirkbymoorside Primary School.

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